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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

TO COMIDEASTFOR BAHRAIN

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SUBJECT: HONORS INCIDENT REPORT - KUWAIT

REF: A. MV FALCON LADY 241243Z SEP 74

B. COMSCMED NAPLES 251304Z SEP 74

C. COMIDEASTFOR 281512Z SEP 74 (NOTAL)

1. IN RESPONSE REFTTEL (C) FOLLOWING INFO RE SUBJECT INCIDENT PROVIDED. ON 24 SEPTEMBER 1974, MR. PETER D'SOUSA, KUWAIT OIL TANKER COMPANY (KOTC) TELEPHONED EMBASSY TO ADVISE THERE WAS SOME DIFFICULTY WITH U.S. NAVY TANKER "FALCON LADY" AT SHUAIBA PORT. MR. D'SOUSA NOTED KOTC IS AGENT FOR ALL SHIPS BUNKERING THAT PORT. KUWAIT PORT AUTHORITY WAS INSISTING THAT TANKER FLY KUWAITI FLAG AS DO QUOTE ALL UNQUOTE OTHER SHIPS WHILE IN KUWAITI PORT AREAS. CAPTAIN REFUSED AND PORT AUTHORITY WAS THREATENING TO TAKE ACTION, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED. MR. D'SOUSA WONDERED IF EMBASSY COULD ORDER CAPTAIN TO FLY KUWAITI FLAG IN ORDER AVOID ANY POSSIBLE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN SHIP AND PORT AUTHORITY.

2. AFTER DISCUSSING ABOVE INFO WITH DCM AND USLOK, CONSULAR OFFICER TOLD D'SOUSA THAT, TO BEST OF EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, SHIP WAS NOT MAN O'WAR, WHICH WOULD BE PROHIBITED FROM FLYING

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ANY OTHER FLAG, BUT WAS MERCHANT SHIP UNDER CONTRACT WITH U.S.

NAVY. EMBASSY DID NOT KNOW PRECISE RULES GOVERNING SUCH MERCHANT SHIPS UNDER U.S. NAVY CONTRACT, BUT WONDERED IF SHIP COULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPLETE ITS BUNKERING AND DEPART. MR. D'SOUSA ADVISED PROBLEM HAD BEEN TEMPORARILY SOLVED: CAPTAIN HAD GIVEN LETTER, EXPLAINING REASONS WHY HE NOT PERMITTED TO FLY ANY OTHER FLAG TO KUWAIT PORT AUTHORITY AND TO AGENT, KOTC. PORT AUTHORITY HAD AGREED TO CLEAR TANKER THIS TIME, ALLOWING IT NOT TO FLY KUWAITI FLAG, BUT ISSUED WARNING THAT DURING ANY FUTURE VISIT SHIP WOULD BE REQUIRED FLY KUWAITI FLAG, OR NOT BE PERMITTED TO VISIT.

3. AFTER RECEIPT OF REFTELS, CONSULAR OFFICER TALKED AGAIN WITH MR. D'SOUSA. HE PROMISED PROVIDE RELEVANT DETAILS CONCERNING OPERATING REGULATIONS OF U.S. NAVY SHIPS, IN FORM OF LETTER TO KOTC AND KUWAIT PORT AUTHORITY.

4. FOR SECSTATE: LANGUAGE FOR ABOVE LETTER WILL BE DRAWN FROM REFTEL (B). EMBASSY DOES NOT HOLD CA-3939, 29 OCTOBER 1958. PLEASE PROVIDE.  
STOLTZFUS

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